



MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 | 1:15 p.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Chair
Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair
Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Joel Ferry
Rep. Phil Lyman
Rep. Mike Schultz

Rep. Casey Snider
Rep. Christine F. Watkins
Rep. Logan Wilde

Members Absent:

Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Michael K. McKell
Rep. Calvin R. Musselman

Staff Present:

Mr. J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Ms. Patricia Owen, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Rikka Strong, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Sidnee Bailey, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Committee Business

Rep. Stratton called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m..

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to approve the August 21, 2019, meeting minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-14

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. J. Ferry
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. P. Lyman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Schultz

2 . Agricultural Water Optimization Task Force Report

Ron Gibson, Task Force Chair, and President, Utah Farm Bureau Federation, presented an update and history on the Agricultural Water Optimization Task Force and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

Lacey Moore, Division of Water Resources, helped answer questions from the committee.

3 . Energy Producer States' Agreement Report

Rep. Handy presented an update on the Energy Producer States' Agreement and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

4 . Local Food Advisory Council Report

Rep. Handy presented an update on the Local Food Advisory Council and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

[4A - Local Food Advisory Council Annual Report](#)

Jack Wilbur, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, discussed the council's accomplishments and helped respond to questions and comments from the committee.

Gena Cornea, Utahns Against Hunger, discussed the importance of the work the Local Food Advisory Council has done.

5 . Prescribed Burn Policies Report

[5B - Utah Interagency Smoke Coordinator](#)

Brian Cottam, Director, Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, provided an overview of HCR 5 and introduced the interagency fire management and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

Paul Corrigan, Utah Interagency Smoke Coordinator, Utah Smoke Management, provided an overview of the Smoke and Air Quality Subcommittee and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

Bryce Bird, Director, Division of Air Quality provided an overview of the Regional Haze State Implementation Plan and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

6 . State Agency Air Quality Best Practices Report

Michelle Brown, State Coordinator, Resource Stewardship, Department of Administrative Services, provided an update on the State Agency Air Quality Best Practices and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

[6A - State Agency Air Quality Best Practices Report](#)

[6A - State Agency Air Quality Best Practices Report Handout](#)

Bryce Bird helped respond to questions from the committee.

7 . Air Quality

Bryce Bird presented updates for air quality, air quality permitting fees, and mobile source registration fees and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

[7A - Division of Air Quality](#)

[7A - Division of Air Quality Handout](#)

Ricky Ranker Browning, Utah Petroleum Association, raised concerns with the fee increase proposal.

David Ure, Director, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, discussed raising registration fees and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

8 . Quagga Mussels Update

Brian Steed, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, presented an update on Quagga Mussels.

Nathan Owens, Aquatic Invasive Species Program Coordinator, Division of Wildlife Resources, presented the scope of quagga mussel infestations across the United States.

Richard Allred, CEO, Water Treatment Company, shared information about treating water to help prevent the spread of quagga mussels and asked the legislature to continue to provide resources to prevent their spread.

9 . Department of Agriculture and Food Fee Adjustment for the Administration of the Industrial Hemp Program

Andrew Rigby, Director of Medical Cannabis and Industrial Hemp Programs, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, presented an update on Utah's production and inspection of industrial hemp and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 10.

Yeas-9

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-10

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. J. Ferry
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Chair Stratton adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m..